denied a chair on the newly organised National Board of Wildlife along with the World Wildlife Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the name of the organisation adjusted in place of BNHS?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The National Board for Wildlife has been constituted for the first time under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The question of adjusting any organisation against another does not arise. As per section 5A of the Act, five representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations and ten persons from amongst eminent conservationists, ecologists and environmentalists are to be nominated by Government. Accordingly, the heads of the following Non-Governmental Organisations have been nominated:

(i) Bandhavgarh Foundation Trust, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh;

(ii) Prakrity Samsad, Kolkata, West Bengal;

(iii) Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore, Karnataka;

(iv) C.P. Ramaswamy Environmental Education Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; and

(v) Gujarat Ecological Education and Research Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Vice President of the Bombay Natural History Society, Ms. Dilnawaz Variawa and the Secretary General of the World Wide Fund for Nature, Shri Ravi Singh, are also on the Board as eminent conservationists, ecologists and environmentalists.

Impact of Jhada Bandha irrigation project on wildlife in Orissa

1134. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irrigation project at Jhada Bandha in the Ganjam district of Orissa, has been approved, which would involve submergence of a large portion of prime forestland;

(b) if so, what would be the area likely to be submerged and which wildlife is present in the area; and

(c) whether the State wildlife wing of Orissa has carried out any study regarding the negative impact of this project on wildlife and if not, by when would it be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government have granted forestry clearance for diversion of 3.963 hectare of forest land for Jhada Bandha Minor Irrigation Project under Parlakhemudi Forest Division, Orissa, on 14th August, 2001. It would involve submergence of 3.097 hectare of forest area. The area neither forms part of National Park of Wildlife Sanctuary nor a habitat of rare species. However, a few species of wildlife like bear, barking deer, wild boar, spotted deer, jackal etc. do come to this area from the adjoining areas.

(c) There is no report of any study having been carried out by the State Wildlife Wing of Orissa regarding negative impact of this project as it is not considered necessary.

Monetary allocation for National Lake Conservation Plan

1135. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monetary allocation made for National Lake Conservation Plan and how many lakes are identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(b) whether the Kankaria Lake, Lakhota Lake, Hamirsar Lake and Nal Sarovar Lake in Gujarat have been considered by the Ministry for National Lake Conservation Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The financial allocation for National Lake Conservation Plan